

# MBTA Ruggles Station Commuter Rail Platform Project

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## Ruggles Station and Area History

- Original Orange Line and Commuter Rail station opened in 1987
- MBTA considered constructing an additional platform as early as 1993 to improve service.
- Amtrak high speed train service began running along the Northeast Corridor in 1993.
- Amtrak Acela service began in November 2000.
- Longwood Medical area became the densest concentration of employment outside the downtown Boston central business district.
- MASCO shuttle service provided transportation for approximately 2,800 passengers from Ruggles Station daily in 2008.
- In the past 20 years Northeastern University (NEU) has invested more than \$485 million in residence halls, academic and research facilities, and athletic centers.
- Commuter rail ridership blossomed since opening making it the fourth busiest destination station on the commuter rail network.



## Why the Ruggles Platform Project

- 30% of Inbound Commuter Trains bypass Ruggles Station requiring a transfer at Back Bay Station to the Orange Line to get back to Ruggles
- 500+ passengers affected daily
- Operational flexibility for MBTA & Amtrak
- The project was awarded a \$20 million in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) VI Grant in October 2014 to help accomplish the construction goal

## Project Benefits

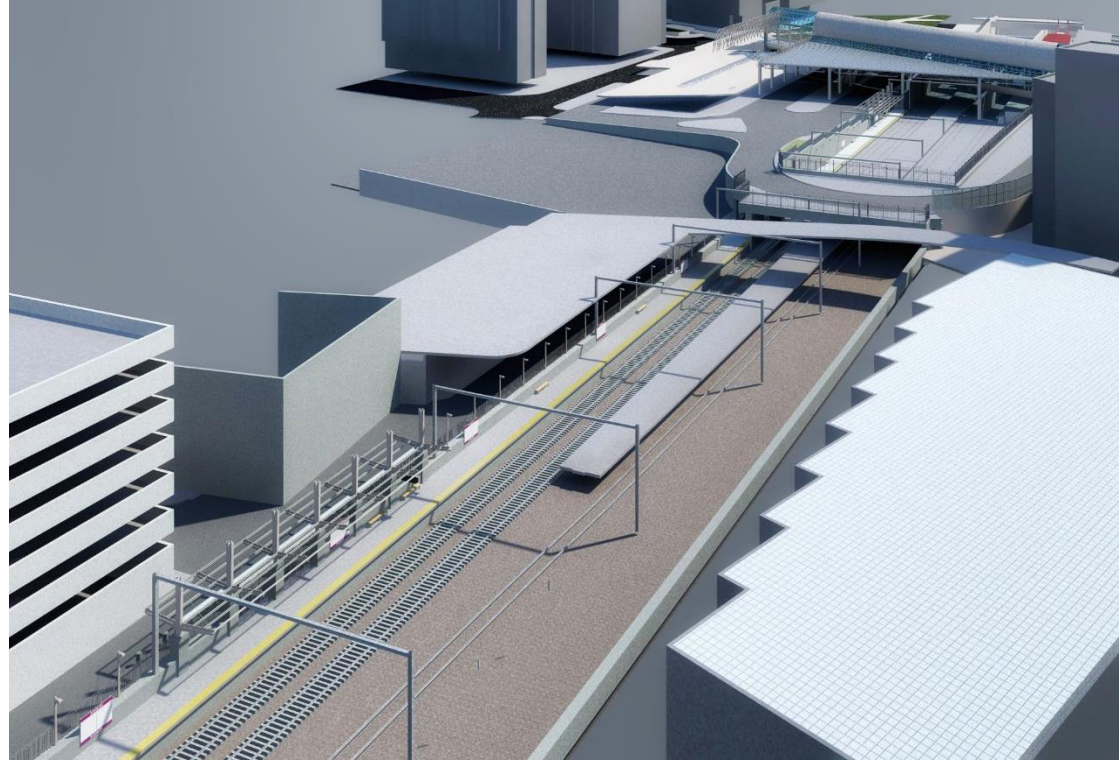
- ❑ Improve service/access to Ruggles Station
- ❑ Improve operational flexibility
- ❑ Improve station accessibility – upgrade elevators, paths of travel, etc.
- ❑ Enhance pedestrian safety and security



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## Project Scope

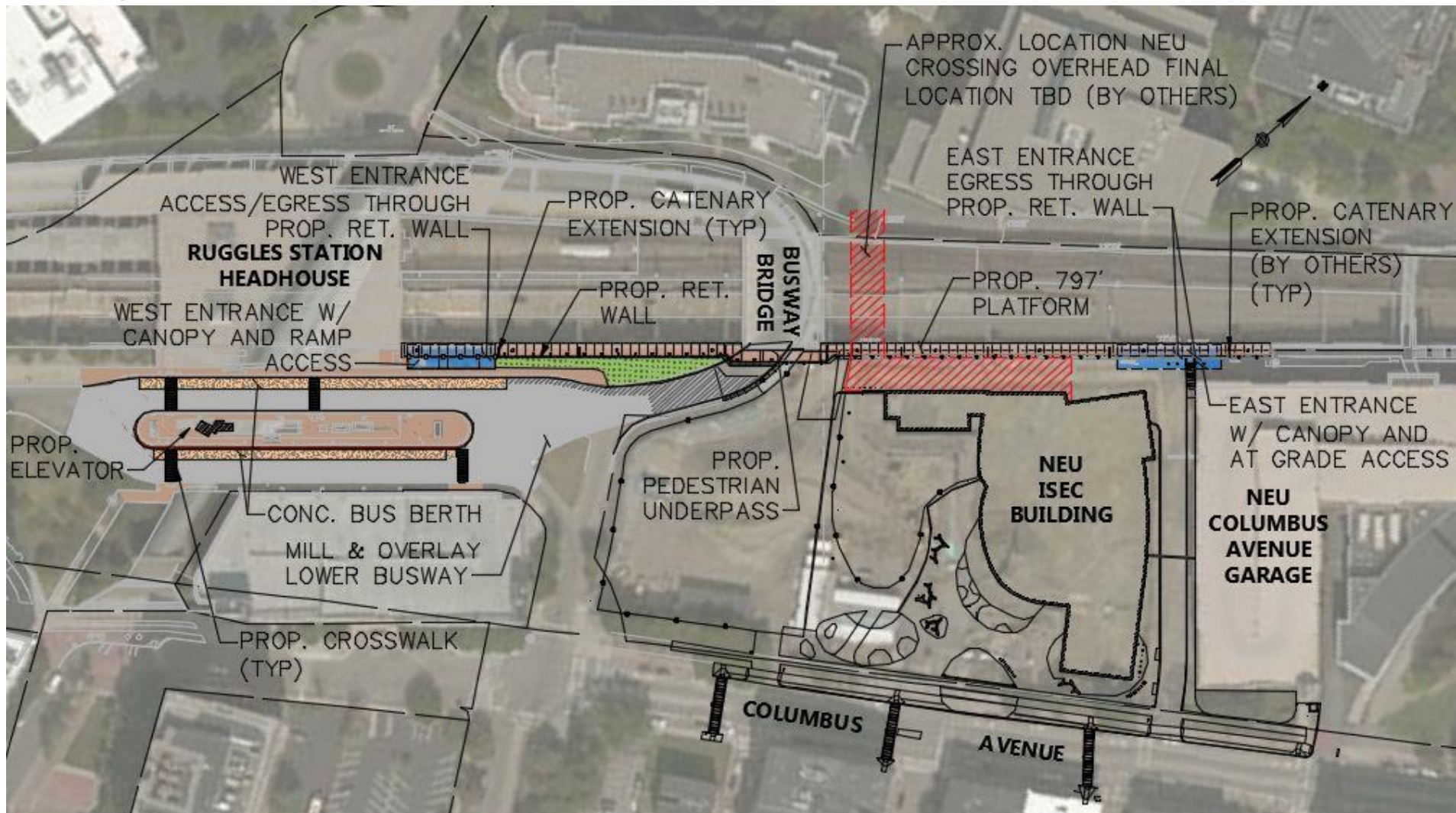
- ❑ Construct new 800 ft. commuter rail platform at Ruggles Station to serve Track 2
- ❑ Replace 4 existing elevators
- ❑ East and west access/egress with canopies
- ❑ Reconstruct Lower Busway with new elevator, wider sidewalks and concrete bus berths.
- ❑ Total Construction Budget - \$30M (\$20M Tiger Grant and \$10M Bond Fund)





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## Project General Plan



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## Entrance Renderings

### West Entrance/Egress



### East Egress



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## Additional Renderings



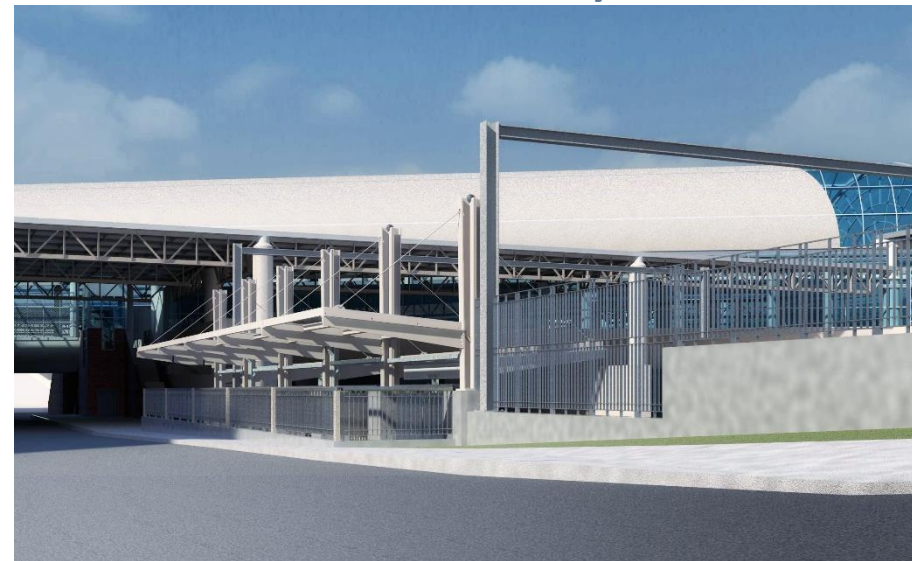
**New Elevator – Busway View**



**New Elevator – Lobby View**



**Platform Busway Underpass**



**Lower Busway at West Entrance/Egress**



## Project Schedule

- **Construction** – 2017 through 2019



## Public Outreach

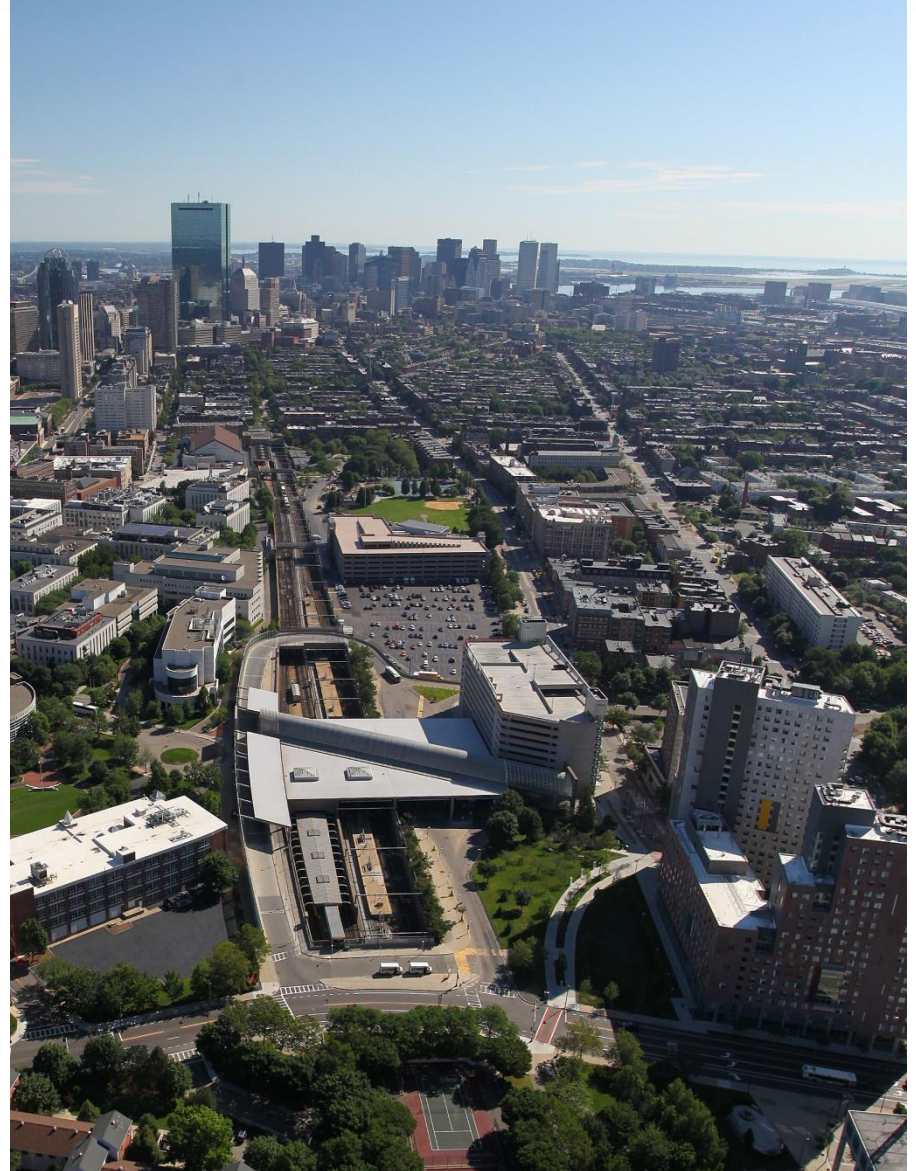
- Project Webpage: [Ruggles Station Project Website](#)
- Internet Communications
- Media Outreach
- On-going coordination with stakeholders
- Open house/public meetings
- Project documents



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## Stakeholders

- Northeastern University
- City of Boston
- MASCO
- Amtrak
- Longwood Medical Area
- Roxbury Neighborhoods
- Mission Hill
- Wentworth Institute
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Mass College of Art



## QUESTIONS?



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